THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Delhi Vidyut Board (DVB) is under the administrative and financial control of Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi. The Vidyut Board has informed that no such proposal have so far been received by them from Tatas.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Power Distribution Policy

2862. SHRI J. CHITHARANIAN :
SHRI GAYA SINGH :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state ;

(a)whether it is a fact that a new power distribution policy for the power generated in the Central power generating plants has been announced; and

(b)if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) ; (a) and (b) No new power distribution policy has been announced. However, it has been decided to treat the present "Gadgil formula" for allocation of power to the States/UTs as "guidelines" for new Central generating stations under which reforming states would get weightage in allocation of power from 15% unallocated quota from Central power stations and also from new power projects.

Electricity Bill 2000

2863. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI .
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI ABANI ROY :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a)whether it is a fact that a number of state Governments have rejected the proposed Electricity Bill that seeks to make electricity reforms mandatory for them;

(b)if so, the reasons for their opposition to the Bill;

(c) whether Government are considering any modifications in the proposed Bill to meet the requirements of the opposing states; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) ; (a) to (d) the Ministry of Power had asked the National Council of Applied Economrc; Research (NCAER) as a Consultant, to suggest legislative changes it consicfcred necesssy to accelerate the reform process. TheNCAERhas submitted a diaft Electricity Bill to replace the existing three electricity laws (The Indian Electricity Act, 1910, The electricity (supply) Act, 1948 and The Electricity Regulatory Commissions Act, 1998).

The draft Electricity Bill, 2000 as submitted by the NCAER has been circulated to all concerned ioduding the Stale Governments for their comments. Detailed discussions have been held -with the States, State Electricity Boards, regulatory Commissions, Experts, Chambers of Commerce and Private Utilities. The NCAER have since revised the draft in the hght of the discussions and comments. The revised draft is now being discussed with concerned stake-holders.

Comsumption of power by different sectors

†2864. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH :
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL ;

Will the Miniijter of POWER be pleased to state:

(a)whether the government have assessed the demand of power for different kinds of consumption viz commercial, industrial, agriculture and Government services in the country,

(b)if so, the demand in above mentioned sectors during the years 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99; and

(c) the percentage of demand fulfilled during these years for the above sectors ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The power requirements of various categories of consumption have been assessed by the 15th electric Survey Committee.

(b) and (c) According to report of the Committee published in July, 1995, the estimated requirements for the country in the various categories during the years 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 alongwith the percentage of demand fiilfilled are given in the statement.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.